



“CAGES A POULE”

The “cages à poule” are narrow cells (1.5 meters x 2 meters) dating back to the Second Empire, using a single system for locking the entire row. The furnishings of the cell included a metal or wooden bed, a mattress, two blankets, a waste bucket, and a water pitcher. At Eysses, the “cages à poule” exist in Yards 1, 3 and 4 and are occupied at random by arrivals. The inmates obtain the opening of the cells at night, which allows an opening up of the space as well as communication.

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